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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee

FROM : Executive Secretary, EDIC

SUBJECT : Distribution of JOC Memorandum on "Surveillance
of Decontrolled Commodities"

1. Attention of members is invited to the attached which has been furnished by the Chairman of JOC and reproduced for information. It will be noted that 31 May 1955 has been suggested as the date by which EDIC should advise JOC "concerning the operation of the surveillance procedure, special problems which arise, and the trade data resulting from the surveillance check."

2. Members will recall that an IWG (now EDIC) Subgroup on "Intelligence on Trade in Decontrolled Commodities" was established in July 1954 under chairmanship of Mr. Spencer Beresford within the context of IWG Case 76. This Subgroup was asked to: a) prepare a list of decontrolled items; b) indicate those items the movements of which should be traced; c) determine the most feasible method of tracing such movements; and d) survey capabilities of IWG member agencies for purposes of the project.

3. At the 21 October meeting of EDIC "it was agreed that further work by the IWG Subgroup would be deferred pending completion of the JOC list" It is assumed that JOC, in its consideration of the attached list, has taken account of the commodity lists prepared by the military services and furnished to MDAC.

4. It is requested that members review the attached and be prepared to discuss this project at the EDIC meeting scheduled for 14 April.

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Attachment

JOC Memorandum on "Surveillance of Decontrolled Commodities"
and Attachment A to JOC Document No. 54 Supplement 2

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